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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

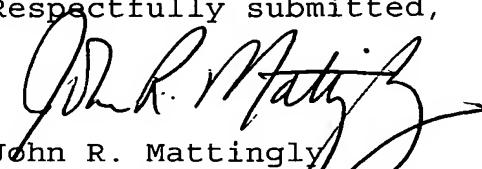
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, the Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement by electing Species IV, drawn to claims 14 and 16-18.

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